

# Library Services Newsletter

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Teen Read Week™ is a national adolescent literacy initiative created by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA). It began in 1998 and is held annually in October the same week as Columbus Day. Its purpose is to encourage teens to be regular readers and library users.

Visit <http://teenreadweek.ning.com/> for more information

**Parish & Equipment Orders are due October 1st! Contact us here at Library Services with any questions or issues at any time. We're here to help!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS & DEADLINES

OCTOBER 1: PARISH & EQUIPMENT ORDERS DUE

OCTOBER 5: TEEN READ WEEK PLANS DUE

OCTOBER 7-13: TEEN READ WEEK

OCTOBER 15: IN-SERVICE DAY

OCTOBER 16: END OF FIRST NINE WEEKS; REPORTS DUE

OCTOBER 25: READ FOR THE RECORD DAY (<https://www.jstart.org/read-for-the-record/> )

OCTOBER 31: LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS DUE; VETERANS DAY PLANS DUE

### **A note from Beth Ferguson:**

I know I tell you all often, but it bears repeating, that I am very impressed with all that you do and proud to work alongside you. I still consider myself a librarian (always will) and it makes me very happy to see the profession so well represented, promoted, and passionately exhibited through each of you. I haven't visited everyone yet but have made it to two-thirds of our 60 locations. Let me just say that there are way more amazing things happening than you are sharing with us through the newsletter submissions. I know this is probably because fabulous moments happen all day, every day and just become part of what you do. Keep up the great work. I love you all.

## R.W. Vincent—Jennie Delino

Students have been enjoying getting back into the swing of things in the R.W. Vincent library. These students are enjoying a little “Free Reading Day” in the library!



Our 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students have been introduced to the LYRC program and are eager to get their hands on the nominated books.



Thanks to Ms. Sheryl Chaisson from the Calcasieu Public Library for coming out during our Open House to share their free resources with our students.

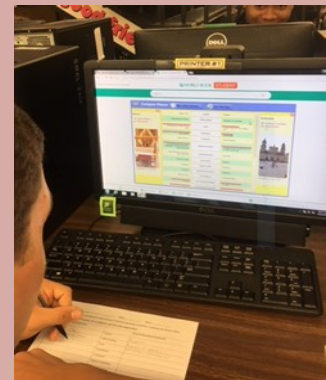
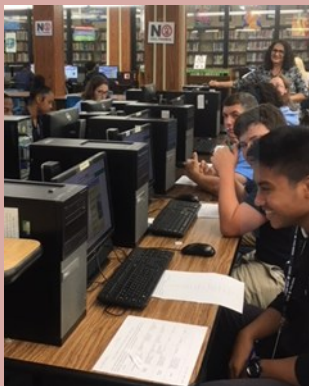
## Starks—Andrea Wright

The elementary students at Starks High School have been utilizing Destiny to help create library displays. As a class they chose a topic, and then groups were tasked with locating a fiction and nonfiction book on that topic to add to our display shelves. Robots and reptiles are out on parade now. Who knows what will be next!



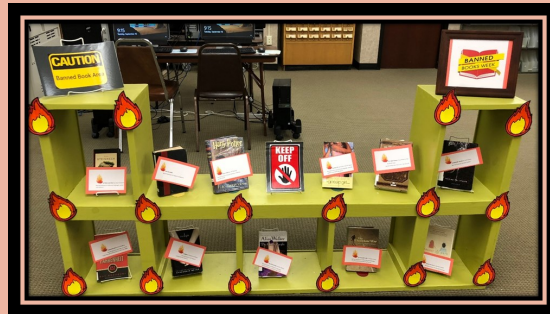
## Barbe High—Kayla Little & Kim Cholley

Our library is highlighting Ms. Langley’s Spanish students. Students utilized the World Book Online Database with a focus on “Comparing Countries”. Students were assigned to compare 2 Spanish speaking countries and present their findings to the class while using technology or constructing a visual using a “Maker Space” setting.



### **Westlake High—Krystal Fontenot**

Westlake High is celebrating “Banned Book Week”. We discussed in our English II classes the various reasons why certain books have been banned from school libraries



### **Henry Heights—Jennifer Fontenot**

Our first Dot Day was a huge success! Mrs. Dalme, our art teacher, and I collaborated on activities the week of September 10- 14. Students and teachers wore dots on Thursday, September 13. October will be a very busy month. We have our first book fair, our first AR party, Fire Safety Week, and the Junior League will read to our students for Read Across America Day. We are so excited about all of the activities planned!



### **JJ Johnson—Roxanne Ravey**

John J. Johnson will hold a book fair from Oct. 1-5



### **Washington Marion—Tressie Bryant**

We have been busy at WMHS. I have two English classes coming in every week to check out books and take AR tests. My English II and Business English teachers come in every other week to check out books and take AR tests. I did find time to make my "All About Me Board" to display in the library. I will continue to help students find books that they are interested in reading and try to instill that reading is a lifelong process.



## TS Cooley—Mary Lanier

Amanda White, the Vice President of Communications & Special Projects at The SWLA Economic Development Alliance, shared ideas with the T.S. Cooley 5th graders on how to promote their LYRC books by creating ads about their specific books. Among the topics she discussed were choosing the correct font to correctly convey the feeling or mood of the book (happy, sad, mysterious, historical, etc.), creating catch phrases or hooks to get the reader's attention, and selecting graphics to portray some significant element of the book.



Forty-three grandparents read to the T.S. Cooley students during the Grandparents' Week celebration in the library. The children loved having their grandparents read to their classmates and the grandparents loved visiting and reading at T.S. Cooley!



Phyllis Guidry's first grade students were treated to a reading time with a police officer in conjunction with the "Read to Me" program. The students enjoyed the reading time and asked many questions about the police officer's work.



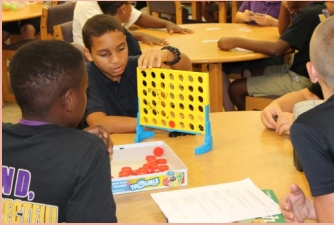
## Moss Bluff Elementary—Jessica Dwight & Margaret Paris

MBE Library is proud to partner with Calcasieu Parish Public Libraries in several events so far this year. At our Open House in August, CPPL set up a parent information booth all three nights to promote public library offerings and had brochures and prizes for our parents and students. In September, we also began our public library card sign up period with our PK-1<sup>st</sup> graders. All PK-1<sup>st</sup> grade students received a form to apply for a CPPL card. Forms will be collected by MBE librarians and then library cards will be distributed in October to students. We have also started promoting CPPL events to our students such as "Reading with Fideaux" and story time at River Bluff Park. It is our hope that through collaborative efforts we can show students the joy in becoming a lifelong reader!



## Moss Bluff Middle—Tanya Portinause & Cindy Wright

Moss Bluff Middle is in full swing especially in the morning and at recess! Our students have been enjoying playing games, working puzzles, reading, etc. This has created a fun filled atmosphere where our students are learning to cooperate, get along with others, focus, sharing verbally and enjoying interactions with others.



## Westwood Elementary—Karen Ashworth

Second grade students at Westwood Elementary celebrated International Dot Day. International Dot Day inspires creativity in all people using any talent they possess. The students read and discussed the story *The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds during their library visit. In art class, the students painted dots on a canvas which represents creativity. The canvas is displayed in the hallway outside of the art room. Westwood began the fall



segment of Prime Time Family Reading. We have 24 families signed up to attend with their children. The program runs each Tuesday evening from 5:30-7:00 beginning Sept. 18 through Oct. 23.



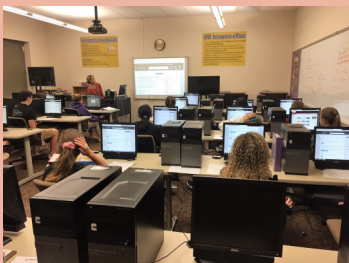
## Maplewood Elementary—Melissa Tarasiewicz

Maplewood Elementary has welcomed "fall time" with a unit on scarecrows.



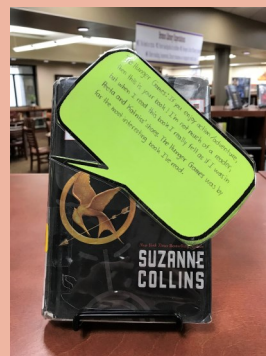
## Sam Houston High—Vickie Barto & Sara Jolie

The Bronco Library celebrated Banned Books Week September 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. “Readstricted” labels were added to the covers of most frequently banned/challenged classic books (<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks/frequentlychallengedbooks/classics>) and then displayed. Our library patrons asked many questions surrounding the banned/challenged titles which opened up a dialogue of why librarians, teachers, and students should fight for the right to read.



All English I students received library orientation this month. We were excited to teach our 9<sup>th</sup> graders how to use Launchpad and all of the many apps available to them. Students expressed their enthusiasm over the free access to

Microsoft Office 365 and the convenience of storing all of their logins in ONE place. We are looking forward to further assisting these classes with the creation of English I Sway research projects.



Library Leadership I and II students wrote Book Blurbs for display in the library. It is their hope to inspire a fellow reader to check out one of their favorite books. Happy reading!

## St. John Elementary—Penny Pentecost

We are St. John Elementary Eagles! What better reason is there to study eagles in the library? Our “eaglets” researched interesting facts about them in the library! Students worked in groups to read stories, listen to songs or watch videos about these fascinating birds! Throughout our school, teams (nests) have been formed, and we are trying to earn points for AR, O’s in conduct, etc. Students also made an eagle as a reminder that we want to strive to become eagles throughout the day! Students wrote character traits of their teacher on a “thinking character trait map.” Then, they created a poster and story of their teacher! Come visit the St. John library and see our Character Trait Teacher Wall of Fame!



## DeQuincy High—Laura Manuel

We, here at DHS, are proud to report that we were awarded the BECi Innovative Program Grant! I'm so excited with our good fortune. With the money provided by the grant, we will be able to start a beginners programming and robotics program in the library. I can't wait to see what the kids can do!



## Prien Lake—Sara Walters

The kids have had a great September. We're showcasing books about fall. Third, fourth, and fifth grade students have been learning all about the works and life of Roald Dahl. Our Pre-K visitor came from the public library and read some great books to the kids. Second grade enjoyed viewing some Junie B. Jones books. I began meeting with our new knitting club in the library on Thursday mornings. There are currently thirteen girls in knitting club, and I'm hoping to add more by Christmas. Kids for Christ began meeting on Monday mornings in the library and our new Paw Squad club held their meeting in the library. They plan to do some great things in our school and community.



## LaGrange—Rekha Sharma

LaGrange library has been a focal point of the beginning of the 2018-19 school year. Students were eager to visit the library. Patrons enjoyed checking out books and dove into Digital Media Resources to fulfill classroom requirements. In addition to library duties, I have been creating CPSB computer accounts, resetting passwords, entering AUP statuses into J-campus, generating SPC credentials and assisting in Blackboard accounts. I had a Freshman Library Orientation with Mrs. Grindol, Ms. Jackson, Ms. J. Fontenot. They did really an awesome job. I anticipate this to be an exciting school year!



## LeBlanc Middle—Tish Martinez

We have been building the community relationship with the public library. We have focused on September being "Library Card Sign Up Month" and are encouraging students to get a library card if they don't already have one. Veronica from the Sulphur Regional branch came out to LeBlanc to share their services with our students.



The students at LeBlanc have also enjoyed celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month with various activities; one featured here is papel picado (cut paper).



## FK White—Tiffany Boss

FK White students are celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month playing Toma Todo, Spanish bingo, Uno, and making papel picado pieces during lunch and Spanish classes. There is also a display of books and a crossword available for students to enjoy. The Spanish club is making Spanish labels to put throughout the library.



Students have been intrigued with Banned Book Week. They were shocked to find out so many popular books are challenged and/or banned. So many students thought they no longer had permission to read these books.



Makerspace is now available in the library during lunches as time permits. The first project was simply creating a Duct Tape pencil bag to use during the school year. Our next Makerspace event will be much more involved with a challenge from our Maker/STEM cart.





### **Dolby Elementary—Carol Womack**

We are rockin' our AR goals after the big cowboy pep rally. Fun was had by all as we raced to the finish line. Last year's awesome AR statistics were announced to excite the students to achieve even greater results. Our Dolby rock stars in the 100 point club came up to officiate the games and introduce our guests. The McNeese girls' basketball team came out to help cheer on the kids toward AR success. They shared the importance of reading to them and how it has helped them in every area of life. We have set our goals high and aim to exceed them this year!



### **Maplewood Middle—Hope Myers**

Melissa Tarasiewicz and Hope Myers hosted a Fall Book Fair for grades Pre K-8. Grandparents were invited to attend in grades Pre K-5 and Middle School hosted an Open House where parents were invited to shop.



### **Bell City High—Susan Duplantis**

Bell City High School hosted an Enchanted Forest Scholastic Book Fair and incorporated Grandparents' Day during the opening day of the fair. Students filled out Tell-A-Grands inviting their grands to shop with them at the book fair. It was a huge success and we plan to have a repeat of the event next year.



### **Arnett Middle—Shelly Ellender**

Seventh graders took genre personality quizzes and got matched with some authors and titles to check out. Eighth graders participated in a book speed-dating activity to discover new titles to read. Sixth graders are adjusting to middle school, a new library, and using Destiny!

## Vincent Settlement Elementary—Katie Stone

Pre-K/Kindergarten Book Checkout: Pre-K and Kindergarten students have begun checking out books. They are very excited to select their own library book each week! We are busy learning how to take care of our books and naming the parts of a book.

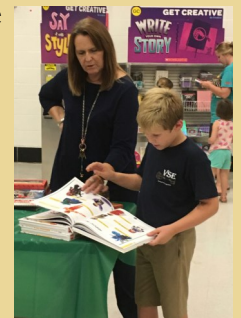
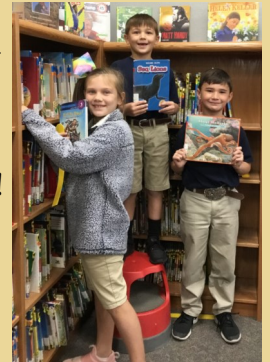
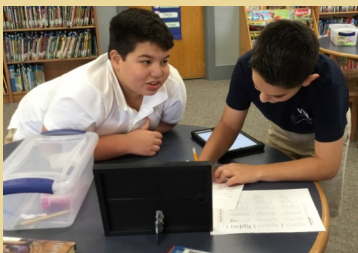
AR Update: Our students are off and running with AR! We have taken 4,597 tests and have a schoolwide average of 88 percent!



Grandparent's Day: Grandparents were invited to enjoy lunch with their students on September 7<sup>th</sup>. The Enrichment Team does all of the planning for this day. It was a wonderful Mickey Mouse themed event!

Lessons: Students in grades Pre-K to 5 are all learning great things in the library. Younger students are learning about book care and the parts of the book while older students are learning about Skim and Scan research techniques and nonfiction text features.

Book Fair: Our Book Fair was held the week of September 17-21. We had lots of eager student shoppers each day. The PTO ran the Book Fair in the Gym while classes continued in the library. Money raised from the Fair will be used to purchase new books and equipment for the library.



## College Oaks—Brandi Pickett

September flew by at College Oaks Elementary. We began the month with our annual open house. This year the Library set up a table and students who attended were invited to register for a drawing for a free book. The Calcasieu Parish Public Library also set up a table and joined us.



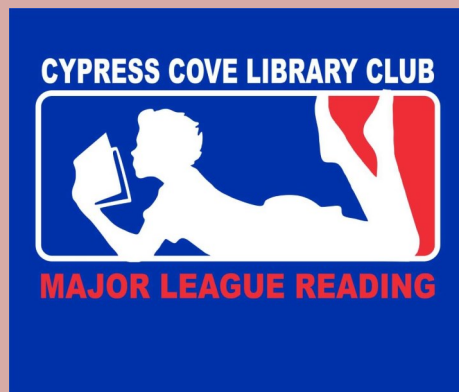
We held our first fall book fair this month as well. There's always a buzz of excitement in the air when it's book fair time. Students were excited to make wish lists and shop.



### **Cypress Cove—Kristi Fontenot**

Library club is starting next month and club members will be excited about our t-shirt design. Book Fair is October 22nd - 26th and several family events are planned.

The public library is coordinating with us to get students a library card. The students are very excited about the brand new library books!



### **Kennedy Elementary—Matilda Tolbert**

John F. Kennedy hosted our first Grandparents Bingo which was held in the library. Wonderful prizes were awarded to the winners. The grandparents were excited to play and visit with their grandchildren in their classrooms. They had a G-R-A-N-D time!!!



### **Kaufman—Stacy Lavoie**

The M.J. Kaufman library has been busy since school started. The students have chosen a reward if the school AR goal is met by the end of the year—a pie in Mrs. Lavoie's face. Last year's goal was not met, so the students will be working extra hard this year. Fifth graders enjoyed using Science Flix. They were especially excited to look at future careers in science. First and second graders have been exploring different versions of fairy tales in the library. Third graders have been using TeachingBooks to learn about the stories and authors in unit one of the ELA guidebooks. Fourth graders have been exploring folktales and tall tales. Kindergarten has begun check out. They are so proud to be "treating a book like a friend" and using all the book care rules that they have learned. The 2018-2019 library club has started and has eleven 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade members. At open house, parents will receive AR information and the library parent brochure.

## Frasch Elementary—Jeni Anderson

September was a busy month in the Frasch library. Our Fall Shelf Elves have been busy keeping the shelves straight, shelving books, and helping first graders with technology. Our Top Four AR readers from each week have been recognized on morning announcements. Readers are working hard to earn new Accelerated Reader certifications.



We are celebrating Hispanic Heritage month with a display of books about the home countries of our Spanish Immersion teachers. Our announcement team introduced our Spanish teachers with short biographies in Spanish and English. We love our Immersion program!

The library hosted Sulphur High School's Senior Homecoming maids for a motivational and inspiring visit with our fifth grade girls. We enjoyed and appreciated their words of wisdom concerning navigating the middle and high school years. It was great to see our former students representing Sulphur High in such a positive way.



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 Fall y'all